

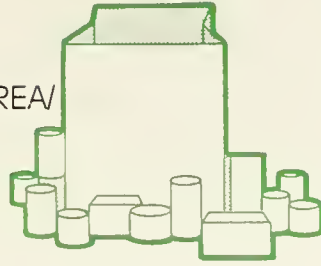


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FOOD PROJECT

ANNUAL REPORT

FALL 1987

Introduction

When the Harvard School of Public Health published a study in 1984, indicating that thousands of people in the Boston area were undernourished, and significant numbers of these individuals lived within walking distance to the Longwood Medical Area, representatives of the institutions located in this world-class health care complex decided that it was time to do something about this problem that existed in their own backyard. What began in 1984 as a series of meetings sponsored by the Brigham and Women's Hospital has grown into an organized consortium of 12 institutions and 4 community groups that works to provide emergency food assistance to the Mission Hill and Fenway neighborhoods.

The objectives of the Longwood Medical Area/Mission Hill and Fenway Food Project are to:

- Increase the level of awareness of employees and students in the Longwood Medical Area regarding the issue of hunger in their surrounding communities.
- Sponsor canned food drives and other events that generate resources used to provide food and local food pantries and meal programs.
- Provide other types of assistance (such as dietary consultation, delivery of food to local food programs and pantries, and the procurement of equipment) that result in the provision of the maximum number of meals at the lowest possible cost.
- Expand outreach activities to other area food programs and pantries.

The hallmark of the Food Project is the spirit of cooperation that it has engendered. The Longwood Medical Area/Mission Hill and Fenway Food Project serves as a positive example of what can be accomplished when institutions and community groups, businesses and individuals, pool their resources for the benefit of those in need.

The Year In Review

The work done by the Longwood Medical Area/Mission Hill and Fenway Food Project has resulted in the provision of more than 32,000 meals to those in need during the past year. The Food Project now reaches out to more than 850 families. The addition of five new programs to our support network has expanded both the number and type of people we serve. Clients who receive food include the elderly on fixed incomes, individuals and families with insufficient incomes, AFDC recipients whose food stamps do not cover food costs for an entire month, handicapped individuals, people recovering from alcohol or other drug abuse, and the homeless.

Services Provided

CANNED FOOD DRIVES

This year twelve institutions, businesses, and community groups participated in the "Thanks For Giving" and "Spring For A Can" Canned Food Drives held in the fall and spring. A total of 6,000 pounds of food was collected and delivered to the ABCD Parker Hill/Fenway Food Pantry. Due to the success of these drives, the pantry was able to begin serving people on a monthly basis for the first time. Records indicated that more than 500 families received food from the Parker Hill/Fenway pantry between October, 1986 and September, 1987.

SUPPORT TO OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAMS

The Food Project was also successful in accomplishing its goal of reaching out to serve other neighborhood food programs and pantries. Five new programs received Longwood Medical Area/Mission Hill and Fenway Food Project support. They included:

- The Cotting School for the Handicapped

This program operates both a cooking class for its clients and a regular lunch program. Support from the Food Project included a grant for purchasing food at the Boston Food Bank, and procurement of a donation from the Zayre Corporation to replace a microwave oven.

- Concord Baptist Church

The Concord Baptist Church operates an emergency food pantry that serves 7-8 people per week, and distributes USDA surplus commodities to about 200 people per month. This program was also given a grant by the Food Project to help with the purchase of food at the Boston Food Bank.

- The Boston Indian Council and Tecumseh House

The Boston Indian Council operates an in-house food pantry that serves 127 Native American households and approximately 25 homeless clients per month. Tecumseh House is a half-way house for Native Americans striving to recover from alcoholism or other drug abuse. Both programs received a grant from the Food Project to supplement their purchase of food at the Boston Food Bank.

- Warwick House

Warwick House operates an emergency food pantry that serves approximately 200 families per month. This program also received a grant from the Food Project for the purchase of food at the Boston Food Bank.

TRANSPORTATION

A Food Project member organization has been instrumental in helping to make sure that food is distributed to places where it can do the most good. Beth Israel Hospital provides a truck for bi-weekly trips to the Boston Food Bank, where food can be purchased at a significantly reduced price by area food programs. The Hospital also provides transportation for the quarterly distribution of USDA surplus food commodities, and coordinates the pick-up and delivery of all foods from the Canned Food Drives.

OUTREACH

- Brigham and Women's Hospital offers a monthly program of discounted weekend meals for senior citizens that helps to bridge the gap for elderly residents who attend weekday-only meal programs at other centers.
- Central Boston Elder Services provides case managers to assist in the pick-up of food for elderly clients who are frail or homebound.

- Dietetic interns from Brigham and Women's Hospital regularly provide nutrition education and counseling to area residents and food program providers.
- The Food Project has developed a slide show that is used to increase public awareness of hunger-related issues and promote the work of the consortium as a model that can be used by other institutions, businesses, and community groups.

FUNDRAISING

- The Simmons College "Silent Auction" continues to provide a major portion of the financial support necessary for Food Project activities. This annual event raised \$3,300, of which the Food Project received \$1,650.
- The Food Project also benefited from area-wide events (such as the "Summer Thing" sponsored by Harvard Medical School), institutional fundraisers, and individual contributions. An additional \$1,751.75 was collected as a result of these efforts.

The Future

The Food Project will continue to sponsor events and activities that generate support for area food programs and pantries. We will also work to increase the number of institutions and community groups that participate in the consortium. We hope that these efforts will result in an increased ability to provide financial support and technical assistance to other area programs that are committed to serving the needs of the hungry.

The Food Project has proven to be an innovative and successful partnership of institutions, business, and neighborhood organizations working together on a critical need in their community. As federal funds have dwindled, the Food Project has been instrumental in providing assistance to those community programs that have traditionally carried the burden alone.

But the work is far from over. There are still hungry people in our neighborhoods, and we must continue to count on the support and cooperation of employees, students, and neighborhood residents, service providers, and business people to accomplish our goal of eradicating hunger in this community.

Financial Summary

Beginning Balance (10/1/86):	\$ 8,601.41
Donations:	1,781.75
Simmons College:	1,650.00
Interest:	<u>400.76</u>
Total Assets:	<u>\$12,433.92</u>
Expenditures:	
ABCD Parker Hill/Fenway:	\$ 3,149.10
Cotting School:	100.00
Concord Baptist Church:	100.00
Boston Indian Council:	250.00
Tecumseh House:	500.00
Warwick House:	<u>500.00</u>
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$ 4,599.10</u>
Ending Balance (9/30/87):	<u>\$ 7,834.82</u>

Longwood Medical Area/Mission Hill and
Fenway Food Project Members

ABCD Parker Hill/Fenway Neighborhood Service Center	Wendy Shand	445-6000
Bank of Boston	Dan Lavallee	731-6055
Beth Israel Hospital	Joan Mendelsohn	735-4524
Boston Food Bank	Li Williams	427-5831
Brigham and Women's Hospital	Alice McCarley John McGonagle	732-7493 732-5940
Central Boston Elder Services	Deborah Brass	277-7416
Children's Hospital	Patricia Queen	735-6177
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute	Food Service Dir.	732-3165
Emmanuel College	Sister Ann Lynch	735-9918
Harvard Medical School	Carol O'Leary	732-0960
Harvard School of Public Health	Bruce Smith	732-1116
MASCO	David Eppstein	732-2317
Mission Church	Fr. Lawrence Buckley	445-2600
New England Baptist Hospital	Patty Downey	738-5800 ext. 5410
New England Deaconess Hospital	Andrea McDonough	732-8171
Simmons College	Trena Cleland	738-3159

